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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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DATE: July 1, 2013
FILE NO:

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: STEPHEN B. JOHNSON, COMMANDER
CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION
SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

TO: ALICIA E. AULT, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

Case Number:	FO2316414
Incident:	Significant Force
Incident Date:	July 13, 2012
Unit:	Compton Station
Suspect:	Alan Duvea, MB/10-11-56
Involved Employees:	Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] Deputy Ernest Celaya, #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	June 27, 2013

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Stephen Johnson, Patrick Maxwell, and Ralph Webb met and reviewed the above case.

FORCE POLICY RELATING TO INCIDENT:

Law Enforcement officers are entitled to use the amount of force that is reasonable and necessary to make an arrest, prevent escape, or overcome resistance.

FINDINGS:

Two Compton Station units were dispatched to a location regarding a family disturbance call. The first two deputies (assisting unit) arrived and made contact with the suspect who was inside the apartment. The suspect appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, and was cursing loudly and agitated at the deputies' presence.

As the deputies were speaking to the suspect and asking him to step out of the apartment, the suspect raised his left arm up on the door frame and made a fist. Unsure if the suspect was about to assault them or trying to hide something in the apartment, the deputies took hold of the suspect and took him to the ground. The suspect was resistive prior to being taken to the ground. Once on the ground, the suspect was handcuffed. During the confrontation, the suspect sustained a small fracture to his right elbow and a sprain to his left knee.

The EFRC determined the force used against the uncooperative and resistive suspect was reasonable, necessary, and justified. The EFRC also determined the tactics used were within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC recommended the unit commander, Captain Leonard McCray, conduct a tactical debriefing with all involved personnel regarding the unique circumstances of this incident. The tactical debriefing is to cover the issues of a supervisor responding to the scene after a use of force, and the need to document protective sweeps in their report.

Additionally, the EFRC recommended a Watch Briefing be conducted regarding injured suspects being transported directly to the hospital for medical clearance prior to being transported to the station.

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DATE: June 21, 2013

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO : FO 2316414

FROM: ALICIA E. AULT, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

TO: KEVIN A. GORAN, CHEIF
CENTRAL PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT: **RETURN OF COMPLETED INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION TO UNIT**

The Internal Affairs Bureau Administrative Force Investigation involving force used on July 13, 2012, under IAB# FO 2316414, is complete. The PPI database was updated, indicating the case was being sent to you for disposition and findings.

Please review the entire case and send your findings of violations, if any, of the Manual of Policy and Procedures through your division to Internal Affairs Bureau for final disposition and intent for discipline, if warranted.

Note: The One (1) Year Statute Date for this case is July 12, 2013.

If you have any question, please contact Lieutenant Michael Berg at [redacted]

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